

Notice of Measure Election City

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Notice

Date of Notice

March 11, 2014

Name of City or Cities

Sherwood

Date of Election

May 20, 2014

The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city's voters.

Final Ballot Title Notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure

CHARTER REVISIONS REGARDING COUNCILOR POSITIONS

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Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure

Shall Sherwood Charter be revised to eliminate councilor positions and elect councilors from candidates by highest number of votes cast?

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect

This measure would amend the current city charter Chapter 3, Section 7- Council by removing the provision of "elected from the city by position" and reverting to the prior system of "elected from the City."

The Oregon Constitution gives city voters the right to adopt, amend and revise a charter. The charter grants legal authority to the city and sets duties. Sherwood voters adopted the current charter in May 2005.

The proposed revision removes "by position" language adopted in May 2005 and reverts to an election process that existed prior to the May 2005 election. The current process assigns position numbers to councilors, thereby requiring a candidate to file for a particular position, sometimes running against an incumbent for a particular council position.

The former election process did not indicate position numbers so that candidates would file and the individuals receiving the most votes would be elected to fill open city council seats.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect, if required attach to this form

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be submitted for any measure referred by the city governing body and if required by local ordinance, for any initiative or referendum.

| Measure Type | County producing voters' pamphlet | Local ordinance requiring submission | Explanatory statement required |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Not applicable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Initiative | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Referendum | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Authorized City Official Not required to be notarized

→ By signing this document, I hereby state that I am authorized by the city to submit this Notice of Measure Election and I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

Name

Sylvia Murphy

Title

City Recorder/Elections Official

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Signature

Date Signed

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CITY OF SHERWOOD
MEASURE TO AMEND CITY CHARTER

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT - Positions

The Oregon Constitution gives city voters the right to adopt, amend and revise the City Charter. Sherwood voters adopted the current City Charter in 2005. It has not been amended or revised since then. The proposed Charter amendments are being brought before city voters on the May 20, 2014 Ballot.

This proposed measure would amend the current City Charter Chapter 3, Section 7-Council by removing the provision requiring councilors to be "elected from the city by position" and reverting to the prior system whereby councilors would be "elected from the City."

The current process has assigned position numbers to councilors and a candidate must file for a particular position, running against the incumbent and vying for that seat.

The measure would return city elections to the former election process in which candidates did not indicate position numbers but, instead, candidates would file to run for the city council and the candidates with the most votes from the electorate would be elected as City Councilors to fill the open seats.

The City Council formed a Charter Review Committee in 2013 comprised of Sherwood residents to review and propose amendments to the City Charter. The Committee met several times in open public meetings and accepted public feedback, held an open house and a public hearing on the proposed amendments. The Committee and City Council met to review the amendments, and the City Council held a public hearing to received citizen input.

If approved by the voters, the revisions will take effect upon the City Council adoption of the May 20, 2014 election results.